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In re Application of MWAURA
U.S. Application No.: 10/587,060
PCT Application No.: PCT/IB04/00352
Int. Filing Date: 23 January 2004
Priority Date Claimed: (none)
Attorney Docket No.: 7820/88851
For: METHOD OF CONVERTING AQUATIC
PLANTS ESPECIALLY HYACINTH INTO
USEFUL PRODUCTS

COMMUNICATION

This is in response to applicant's "Response to Communication and Request to Continue Processing Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371" filed 08 November 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 23 January 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/IB04/00352. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 01 September 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 23 July 2006.

On 21 July 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/IB04/00352 were submitted by the law firm of Fitch Even Tabin and Flannery. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/597,368.

On 21 July 2006 application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/IB04/00352 were submitted by the law firm of Fredrickson & Byron, P.A. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/587,060.

On 08 September 2006, this Office mailed a communication with stated that the submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper.

On 08 November 2006, applicant filed the present response.

DISCUSSION

The response states that U.S. application number 10/587,060 will continue to be processed.

CONCLUSION

The serialization of U.S. application number 10/597,368 is hereby VACATED.

The application is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this communication.



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